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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

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